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| Title:      | REINFORCING CORD FOR RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND RUBBER PRODUCT INCLUDING THE SAME |                 |                |

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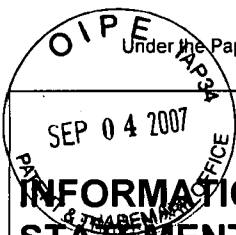
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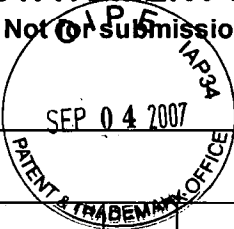
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